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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 November 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

The indicated allowability of claims 1-5,9 and 10 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Goldfarb (U.S. Patent No. 3,100,608). Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 4-8, and 11 are objected to because of the following informalities: In claims 4 and 5, line 2, "its collars" should be "the collars". In claim 8, line 3, and claim 11, line 2, "it's yo-yo" should be "the yo-yo". Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claims 4-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 4, line 3, there is no antecedent basis for "said recesses".

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldfarb (U.S. Patent No. 3,100,608).

Goldfarb shows in figures 1-2 a holder comprising a front side (the side facing the belt) and a reverse side (the side which includes the yo-yo 45) and provided with holding or gripping elements (12,13) "for" the identification card, a suspension clip (38), a yo-yo (45) directly attached to the reverse side of the holder, and a string (28) attached to the clip (38). The yo-yo is partially or completely masked by the holder and/or the card when viewed from the front side (the side facing the belt). In regard to claim 9, the yo-yo of Goldfarb is fastened as an integral part of the holder.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldfarb in view of Rumpp (U.S. Patent No. 6,302,617).

Goldfarb does not disclose providing a clamp element between the holder and yo-yo for allowing the yo-yo to be releasably attached to the holder. Rumpp shows in figure 1 a clamp element (2) that is located between a first element (3,16) and a second element (1,9) and allows the second element to be releasably attached to the first element. The clamp element includes lugs (5) which allows the clamp element to be secured to the second element (1,9). In view of

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the teachings of Rumpp it would have been obvious to one in the art to modify Goldfarb by placing a clamp element between the holder and yo-yo since this would allow the yo-yo to be attached to and removed from the holder in an easier and faster manner. In regard to claim 3, Rumpp shows clamp protrusions (7a-7d) and collars (18a-18d). In regard to claim 4, the collars form an annular recess as broadly defined. In regard to claim 5, Rumpp shows that the slots and tongues (7a-7d) have different sizes.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldfarb in view of Buell (U.S. Patent No. 6,095,567).

Goldfarb discloses the applicant's basic inventive concept except for attaching a microchip to the holder. Buell shows in figure 1 the idea of attaching a microchip (22) to a key chain device. In view of the teachings of Buell it would have been obvious to one in the art to modify Goldfarb by attaching a microchip to the holder since this would allow additional information about the keys to be stored on the holder in a more convenient and secure manner.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 6-8 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian K. Green whose telephone number is (571) 272-6644. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7am-3:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on (571) 272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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